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Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Prior application:
Examiner: A. CORBIN
Art Unit: 1761

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a **Divisional** Patent Application of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/616,516 filed on July 14, 2000 for SURFACE DECONTAMINATION OF FRANKFURTERS AND OTHER COOKED SAUSAGE AND PROCESSED MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS.

1. xxx Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.
2. _____ A verified statement to establish small entity status
_____ is enclosed
_____ was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
3. _____ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This application is a **divisional** of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/616,516, filed July 14, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. _____, which claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/143,892, filed July 14, 1999.--
4. _____ Cancel in this application original claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12 of the prior application before calculating the fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
5. xxx A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application).

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6. xxx The filing fee is calculated below.

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW**

CLAIMS AS FILED				
FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE/ENTITY	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	18 - 20 =	0	[XX] \$18 LRG [] \$9 SML	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDEN T CLAIMS	5 - 3 =	2	[XX] \$86 LRG [] \$43 SML	\$ 172.00
BASIC FEE			[XX] \$770 LRG [] \$385 SML	\$ 770.00
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 942.00

7. xxx A check in the amount of \$942.00 is enclosed.
8. xxx The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
9. xxx New formal drawings are enclosed.
10. Priority of Application Serial No. , filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- The certified copy has been filed in prior U.S. Application Serial No. , filed .
11. xxx The prior application is assigned of record to **STERIS INC.**, a Delaware corporation, having a principal place of business at: 43425 Business Park Drive, Temecula, CA 92590. The Assignment was recorded November 9, 2000 at Reel/Frame 011293/0242.
12. xxx The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
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- a. xxx The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

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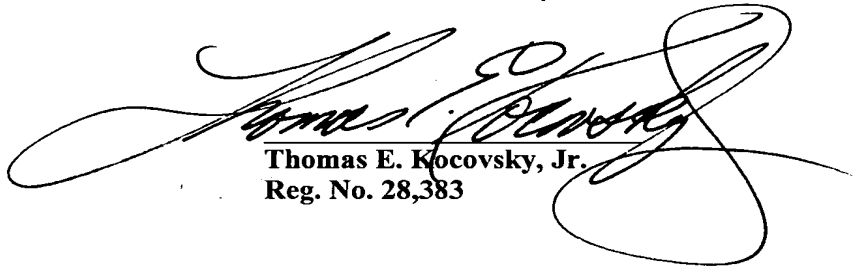
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13. xxx I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior U.S. Application Serial No. 09/615,516 as originally filed July 14, 2000.

The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief **are believed to be true**; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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